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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER, LE

SUBJECT: UK INQUIRY RE EVACUATION FROM LEBANON

1. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER (REEVES) CALLED AT DEPARTMENT OCT. 16 TO SAY FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH US EMBASSY LONDON AND CINCUSNAVEUR RE POSSIBLE EVACUATION FROM BEIRUT. REEVES SAID BRITISH HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IF US EVACUATES ITS CITIZENS FROM LEBANON THIS WILL PROBABLY BE DONE BY SEA. REEVES SAID BRITISH THOUGHT US CAPABILITIES IN RESPECT TO SEA EVACUATION IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROBABLY GREATER THAN THEIRS. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK WHETHER IN EVENT EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM LEBANON, US WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ALL OR PART OF BRITISH COMMUNITY AS WELL.

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2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID OUR E & E PLANS CALL IN FIRST INSTANCE FOR EVACUATION BY CHARTERED COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS VIA BEIRUT AIRPORT. WE WOULD CONSIDER SEA EVACUATION ONLY IF AIRPORT INACCESSIBLE, AND WE VIEW IT AS POOR ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD INVOLVE MANY DIFFICULTIES.
3. IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE OUR PRIMARY RELIANCE ON COMMERCIAL CHARTER; SUGGEST THAT BRITISH LOOK AT SIMILAR MOVEMENT PLAN USING UK CHARTERS. EMBASSY MAY ASSURE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT IN EVENT COMMERCIAL CHARTERS SHOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE WE WOULD OF COURSE BE READY TO CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH UK TO EXTENT SITUATION PERMITS.
4. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR USG IS NOT REPEAT NOT PLANNING EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM LEBANON AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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